

Question1

Solution :

First, write N as binary such as 1001....01101, assume it is a list L with K+1 elements (0 or 1), we can get $K \leq \log_2^n$ and $L_K = 1$ (the leftmost element).

$$\text{So, } N = L_K * 2^K + L_{K-1} * 2^{K-1} + \dots + L_1 * 2^1 + L_0 * 2^0$$

Then we can compute that $M^1 = M^1 = M^{2^0}$

$$M^1 * M^1 = M^2 = M^{2^1}$$

$$M^2 * M^2 = M^4 = M^{2^2}$$

.....

$$M^{\frac{2}{T}} * M^{\frac{2}{T}} = M^T = M^{2^K}$$

With at most $\lfloor \log_2^n \rfloor$ times multiplications we can get M^{2^0} to M^{2^K} .

$$\begin{aligned} & (M^{L_K * 2^K}) * (M^{L_{K-1} * 2^{K-1}}) * \dots * (M^{L_1 * 2^1}) * (M^{L_0 * 2^0}) \\ &= M^{L_K * 2^K + L_{K-1} * 2^{K-1} + \dots + L_1 * 2^1 + L_0 * 2^0} \\ &= M^N \end{aligned}$$

Proof:

We can get all M^{2^K} with $\lfloor \log_2^n \rfloor$ times multiplications, then compute

$$(M^{L_K * 2^K}) * (M^{L_{K-1} * 2^{K-1}}) * \dots * (M^{L_1 * 2^1}) * (M^{L_0 * 2^0}) \text{ with at most } 2\lfloor \log_2^n \rfloor \text{ times}$$

multiplications. So we can get M^N with $O(\log n)$ many multiplications.